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EXCEL INDUSTRIES, INC.

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June 9, 1989

Ms. Susan Swales 5 HSM-12
Superfund Program Management Branch
United States Environmental
Protection Agency
Region V 5HS-11
230 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Ms. Swales:

Re: HIMCO, Inc.
Response to Request for Information

Enclosed is Excel Industries, Inc.'s response to the Request for Information which was attached to an undated letter from Mary Gade, Office of Superfund. If you have any questions or further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ken Nemes
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Ken Nemes
Risk and Safety Manager

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Enclosure
cc: File

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- Return Receipt Requested -

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION V

In the Matter of)	
HIMCO, Inc.)	
Dump in Elkhart,)	Response to Request
Elkhart County, Indiana)	for Information

Excel Industries, Inc. provides the following response to the Request for Information of the United States Environmental Protection Agency which was attached to an undated letter from Mary Gade, Associate Division Director of Superfund, Office of Superfund. In providing this response Excel Industries, Inc. does not waive any legal arguments it may have as to whether Excel Industries, Inc. is legally responsible for any activities of its wholly owned subsidiary, Excel Corporation, or of the predecessor to Excel Corporation, 1120 North Main Street Corporation, for the manufacturing activities and waste disposal practices to which this information request is directed.

1. (a) The primary business of Excel Corporation or its predecessor, 1120 North Main Street Corporation, was the manufacture of automobile and truck sash and window assemblies, school bus sashes, recreational vehicle sashes, stainless steel tubing, windshields and sashes for military trucks, and other military truck components.
- (b) The manufacturing processes involved standard production techniques such as rolling, welding, stamping, painting, plating, cleaning and assembly. Raw materials used included glass, rubber, steel, aluminum, glazing compounds, solvents, paints and plastics.
- (c) Wastes generated included only those materials identified in 1(b) above.
- (d) Wastes were disposed of during the relevant time period by being hauled away for disposal by one of the following:
 - (1) HIMCO Waste-Away Service, Inc.
 - (2) Michiana Solid Refuse Services, a Division of Sturgis Iron & Metal, Inc.

(3) Robert Genth

(e) SIC No. 3714

2. See response to number 1(d) above.
3. Yes.
4. Excel Industries, Inc. has not been able to locate any shipping documents or receipts regarding the transportation, storage or disposal of any wastes. Those documents which have been located and which are attached are as follows:
 - (a) SPC-17 report for January 1, 1977 through January 31, 1978 submitted to the Indiana Stream Pollution Control Board.
 - (b) Agreement for disposal of waste date December 22, 1977 between Excel Corporation and Michiana Solid Refuse Services.

Excel Industries, Inc. is still attempting to locate all information and documents which may relate to waste disposal from the Excel Corporation or 1120 North Main Street Corporation's manufacturing facility from January 1960 to December 1977. If additional information or documents are identified a supplemental information response will be provided.

5. Excel Industries, Inc. is still attempting to determine which of the wastes generated by Excel Corporation or its predecessor, 1120 North Main Street Corporation, from January 1960 to December 1977 were disposed of at the HIMCO site.
6. Excel Industries, Inc. is still trying to determine the total volume of waste generated by Excel Corporation or its predecessor, 1120 North Main Street Corporation, which was disposed of at the HIMCO site from January 1960 to December 1977. A supplemental response will be filed if interviews with former employees provide any detail as to volume of waste disposed of at the HIMCO site.
7. No such records have been located to date.
8. Attached is a listing of all liability insurance coverage.

I hereby certify that the statements contained in the foregoing Response to Request for Information are true and accurate, to the best of my knowledge and belief, based upon records and information provided to me by others.

Ken Nemes
Ken Nemes
Risk and Safety Manager

STATE OF INDIANA)
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COUNTY OF)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, this 9th day of June, 1989.

Samuel Sirkko
Signature

Samuel Sirkko
Printed Notary Public

My Commission Expires:
My Commission Expires May 2, 1991

County of Residence:
EIKHART

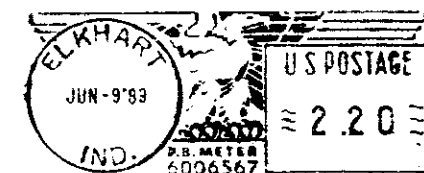
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SITE NAME	HIMCO DUMP
PHASE ACTIVITY	E6
PRP AFFILIATION	EXCEL INDUSTRIES, INC
DOCUMENT DATE(S)	06/09/89
DOCUMENT TYPE	INSURANCE AND SUMMARY LIST OF POLICY NUMBERS
IS THIS DOCUMENT PART OF ANOTHER DOCUMENT?	YES; 104(E) RESPONSE



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